

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended). The device of claim 8 [[1]], wherein a knob is affixed to the handle end of the rod.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The device of claim 8 [[1]], wherein the exterior of the apex end of the conical cylinder comprises a base engaging portion adapted to engage the interior of a light bulb base.

Claim 4 (original). The device of claim 3, wherein the base engaging portion is fashioned from a pliable material to enhance engagement with the interior of the light bulb base.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The device of claim 8 [[1]], wherein the conical cylinder is fashioned of a substantially rigid non-conducting material.

Claim 6 (original). The device of claim 5, wherein the substantially rigid non-conducting material is plastic.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The device of claim 8 [[1]], wherein the interior of the conical cylinder is of variable diameter.

Claim 8 (currently amended). ~~The device of claim 1,~~ A device for the extraction of broken light bulb bases, comprising:

~~wherein the threads on the interior of the conical cylinder are located on the portion of the interior nearest the base end~~ an elongated hollow conical cylinder with a narrow apex end and a wide base end, the interior of the conical cylinder having threads for at least a portion of its length nearest the base end;

two or more slits extending from the apex end length-wise along the conical cylinder; and

a cylindrical rod with an insertion end placed inside the conical cylinder and an opposing handle end extending from the base end of the conical cylinder, the exterior of the rod having threads for at least a portion of its length to match the threads on the interior of the conical cylinder.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The device of claim 8 [[1]], wherein the threads on the exterior of the rod are located on the portion of the rod nearest the handle end.

Claim 10 (currently amended). ~~The device of claim 1,~~ A device for the extraction of broken light bulb bases, comprising:

an elongated hollow conical cylinder with a narrow apex end and a wide base end, the interior of the conical cylinder having threads for at least a portion of its length;

two or more slits extending from the apex end length-wise along the conical cylinder;  
and

a cylindrical rod with an insertion end placed inside the conical cylinder and an opposing handle end extending from the base end of the conical cylinder, the exterior of the rod having threads for at least a portion of its length to match the threads on the interior of the conical cylinder, and further wherein the insertion end of the rod is of larger diameter than the ~~then~~ remaining section of the rod.

Claim 11 (original). The device of claim 10, wherein the insertion end of the rod has a variable diameter.